

## Wyoming Department of Health - Phase 1a COVID-19 Vaccination Priorities

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This document contains the Department of Health's preliminary list of prioritized populations for Phase 1a of the COVID-19 vaccine campaign. Phase 1a is when vaccines are in limited supply and are being allocated for administration to specific populations. To develop this list, WDH used the latest guidance from the CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)<sup>1</sup>, as well as recommendations from the Wyoming Department of Health Medical Ethics Committee, for Phase 1a priorities. This list may be updated as ACIP continues to release recommendations.

Vaccines should be provided to individuals in these priority groups and, when possible, should closely follow the priority order as noted in the table below, moving down the priority list once higher-level groups have needs met. However, due to vaccine logistics and the desire to vaccinate Phase 1a populations as quickly as possible, we advise planning for and beginning vaccination of multiple groups simultaneously.

Generally speaking, Phase 1a critical populations are:

- ➔ Persons who have regular potential for exposure to COVID-19 patients;
- ➔ Persons who have regular exposure to people who are potentially positive for COVID-19, or those who are exposed to infectious materials.
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**Table 1:** COVID-19 Vaccine Phase 1a Prioritization Schedule

Priority	Sub-group of Phase 1a Vaccine Distribution
1	Hospital staff — direct inpatient care staff and emergency department (ED) staff, including providers working temporarily at the hospital
2	EMS personnel /Fire Dept. personnel that are EMTs
3	Long-term Care Facility (LTCF)/Assisted Living Facility (ALF) Healthcare Providers (HCPs)
4	Public Health Nursing (PHN) staff and other HCPs administering vaccines to critical populations in Phase 1a
5	Tribal Public Health and HCPs — receiving vaccine through Indian Health Services
6	PHN and HCPs who regularly conduct COVID sample collection
7	Inpatient/residential Behavioral Health Facility HCPs
8	Urgent care clinics and other medical clinics
9	Law Enforcement — patrol officers and correctional facility officers (city, county, state and federal)
10	Licensed/credentialed medical and dental direct care staff working in other locations who have regular exposure to potentially positive COVID-19 patients or infectious material
11	PHN offices and local health departments — nurses and staff
12	LTCF and ALF residents and other staff not already vaccinated
13	Home health healthcare providers- including Aging network in-home providers
14	School nurses
15	Public Health Laboratory and other laboratories — staff conducting COVID-19 testing if not already included in above groups
16	Pharmacy staff
17	Other healthcare facility staff - ancillary support staff who have regular exposure to potentially positive COVID-19 patients or infectious material, including supporting staff from out of state

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6949e1.htm>